

RECORD OF INTERVIEW

This is to record matters discussed during the June 25, 2008 telephonic interview between Examiner Patrick Butler and Examiner Monica Huson, and Applicants' representatives Ronald Santucci (Attorney, Reg. No. 28,988) and Russell Garman (Patent Agent, Reg. No. 62,419). Examiners Butler and Huson are thanked for the many courtesies extended during the interview.

Applicants' representatives discussed the invention, in particular that the blanks form a part of the upper and that the blanks conform to the mold halves. Examiners Butler and Huson discussed the mold halves 11a and 11b of the Foffano reference, and indicated that the blanks 2 and 4 in Foffano conform to the molds. Examiner Butler and Huson alleged that the claims do not reflect the limitations that the method of the invention relates to manufacturing a part of the upper and that the blanks conform in shape to the mold. Examiners Butler and Huson agreed to consider Applicants' arguments upon submission in Applicants' next response, but indicated that amendments which require a further search and review could not be entered.

Applicants' representatives also noted that a suggested amendment to claim 1 was sent via fax to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 24, 2008 to be used for discussion purposes only in the scheduled June 25, 2008 interview. Examiners Butler and Huson indicated that the fax amendment may be scanned and copied to the file. Applicants' representatives asserted that the amendment should not be entered into the file, because it was for discussion purposes only. Examiners Butler and Huson indicated that they would investigate how the faxed amendment could avoid being entered into the file.

Accordingly, a summary and record of the interview is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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